**Laboratories for conducting New Drugs Tests**

3124. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the laboratories which are permitted to conduct the testing of the new drugs; and

(b) the names of the appellate laboratories under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) The samples of new drugs are tested at the following Central Drugs Labs :

(1) Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata.

(2) Central Drugs Testing Laboratory, Thane, Maharashtra.

(3) Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

(b) The Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata is the appellate laboratory under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

**HIV/AIDS caes in the country**

3125. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of HIV/AIDS cases are reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the affected people in the State of Karnataka, during the last three years, District-wise; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to control further spread of this disease in the country, particularly in the State of Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

A Statement indicating the number of AIDS cases in the State of Karnataka, during the last three years, district-wise is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, Government of India has launched a comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country, including